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(a) At a dinner in honor of Chernonebov's wife, who recently arrived on the SS Gogol, Chernonebov reportedly made the following revelations to Mrs. Chilikin, wife of the editor-publisher of Novosti Dnya in Shanghai and Tientsin.

(b) A Reuter's dispatch from London on 9 December 1947 stated in part: "The Soviet Communist Party is training representatives to further its foreign policy abroad, M. Georgi Malenkov, one of the Deputy Chairmen of the Soviet Council of Ministers, said in an address quoted by the Moscow radio tonight. The speech, as published by the Party organ Pravda, said, 'The All-Union Communist Party is devoting particular attention to the external policy and attaching great importance to the selection and adequate training of cadres capable of assuring that the Party's line on external policy will be put into effect.' These leaders would be taught how 'to defend the interests of the Socialist state in the international area, how to tell true friends from foes, and to divine intrigues and plots of the imperialists and their agents', M. Malenkov said. Stressing the need for maintaining close contact between the Communist parties, M. Malenkov continued: 'Lack of contact between the Communist parties, M. Malenkov made his address at a closed session of the Organizing Bureau of the Polish Communist Party when he was in Warsaw with M. Andrei Zhdanov for the Cominform talks at the end of September last, but the speech had not been published until now.'")

1. Although at present there are still many "old style" personnel connected with the Soviet foreign service in the USSR and abroad, these persons are being gradually replaced by especially trained young diplomats who have passed special courses in the Moscow School for Diplomats. Gradually, representatives of TASS abroad will be replaced by newly-trained and educated journalists who must be graduates of the special Press Department of the Diplomatic School. As part of this replacement policy, V. Rogov, Deputy Chief of the Far East Department of TASS, and M. Yakshamin, Deputy Chief of TASS, Shanghai, will be replaced by men who are graduates of the Press Department of the Diplomatic School. Rogov and Yakshamin will soon receive appointments in Manchuria, Korea, or Japan, but not with TASS.
2. This school, which is actually a revised Comintern school, has a large faculty and is divided into five departments according to the following geographic areas: Western nations including South America; Asiatic countries; Indonesia and other Pacific islands; Middle and Near East nations; and Eastern Europe. Only

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Communist Party members who are university graduates and have "excellent references" are accepted for the school. Each aspirant must pass a specific entrance examination for the diplomatic courses in addition to presenting satisfactory university records. Perfect command of three foreign languages including English is required; the other two languages can be chosen by the student according to his choice of geographic area. However, for all those who are preparing for service in Eastern countries, a certificate of graduation from the Academy of Eastern Languages, former Comintern University, is required. The majority of candidates for the diplomatic courses and further diplomatic service must undergo special screening and training in the foreign section of the Security Police. Among the various courses which form the program of such diplomatic education is a required course in social graces - dancing, etiquette, and fashions in dress.

3. Vice Consul Chernonebov, recently arrived in Shanghai, has passed all the above courses, specializing in those for consular service in Western countries. His assignment in Shanghai is only temporary, as he will be transferred to the United States. Chernonebov will temporarily replace Khalin, present Soviet Consul General in Shanghai; Khalin, an old-style diplomat without the new training, will be sent to Japan or Korea after a rest period in the USSR. Chernonebov has had several years' service with the Security Police and was among the officers of "special service" with the Soviet armies on the Eastern front, for which he has received many military decorations.
4. This new organization for Soviet foreign service is established along lines of Comintern training and selection, i.e., a coordination of official diplomatic and consulate service abroad with that of the secret service. Chernonebov himself represents this new type of diplomat. In performing his duty he will never hesitate to crush even his best friends if he finds out that they have neglected their duty or revealed some weakness in connection with authorized social relations. No Soviet citizen who becomes drunk or involved in cases of adultery can count on his support or pity, and he would immediately send such a person back to the USSR for trial and severe punishment.
5. A. Petrov, Soviet Ambassador to China, is presently busy in Moscow working out, under the supervision of Malik, that section of the Moscow draft of the Japan Peace Treaty which deals with future relations between China and Japan. Although Petrov may return to China after 1 January 1948, he will soon be sent back to Moscow.

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